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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Stan:

Enclosed are procedures under Section 1-706 of Executive Order 12036 which requires intelligence agencies to report evidence of crimes to the Attorney General. I have approved these procedures following consultation with your representatives and consideration of the views of other interested elements of the Government.

Section C.3.a. of the procedures for reporting crimes by non-employees requires your agency to report any information or allegations showing that any Federal crime may have been committed "in circumstances likely to have a substantial impact on the national security or foreign relations of the United States." That section encompasses violations of any Federal criminal statutes in such circumstances and specifically would include alleged violations of the prohibition against corrupt payments to foreign officials (15 U.S.C. § 78dd-1, 78dd-2) and trafficking in substantial amounts of Schedule I, II or III drugs in violation of Federal law. In my opinion, crimes within the scope of those statutes could easily have a substantial impact on the national security, defense and foreign relations of the United States in specific circumstances. As you know, the international narcotics problems is a serious one and is considered a matter of national priority by the Administration. Foreign trafficking in narcotics poses a threat to the security of the United States.

The approved procedures require CIA to report evidence of crimes that it received in the course of its authorized intelligence activities. The procedures do not require or authorize CIA to investigate criminal activity except for limited preliminary inquiries directly involving CIA personnel

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or facilities. Because of these restrictions, I am satisfied that the reporting of crimes by CIA under these procedures does not violate the restrictions of the National Security Act of 1947 as amended.

The procedures governing crimes by non-employees require your general counsel to keep records of allegations of crimes which are not reported to Justice. We will review these records in the future to determine whether these procedures correctly balance the needs of law enforcement, national security, and personal privacy.

I believe these procedures represent a sound foundation for continued good relations between our agencies. I appreciate the assistance your staff has provided to us in this project.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures.

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